

AMERICAN ECOLOGY CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GILBERG MICHAEL J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AMERICAN ECOLOGY CORP [ECOL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
300 E. MALLARD, SUITE 300
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/17/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP & Controller

BOISE, ID 83706
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	05/17/2006	05/17/2006	M		\$ 4.5	60,528	D
Common Stock	05/17/2006	05/17/2006	M		\$ 6.5	60,528	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock Option	\$ 4.5	05/17/2006	05/17/2006	M		3,429		02/11/2003	02/11/2013	Common Stock	3,429
Common Stock Option	\$ 6.5	05/17/2006	05/17/2006	M		13,099		02/11/2003	02/11/2013	Common Stock	13,099

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GILBERG MICHAEL J 300 E. MALLARD, SUITE 300 BOISE, ID 83706			VP & Controller	

Signatures

Michael J. Gilberg 05/18/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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